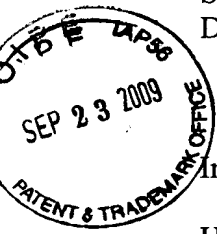


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In re Application of

Hiroshi MACHIDA

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING POROUS GLASS BASE MATERIAL
USED FOR OPTICAL FIBERS, AND GLASS BASE MATERIAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 23, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter is added.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.